10-4-1993. KVIC have also stated that all the bills mentioned in the report of the Newspaper have been properly accounted for.

(c) Does not arise.

Cement Production

463. SHRI K. K. VEERAPPAN :

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what has been cement production installed capacity during the last three years, year-wise both in the public sector and private sector;

(b) what has been the cost per bag of cement during this period as per the estimate of the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices, year-wise;

(c) what has been the average price per bag of cement during this period, year-wise; and

(d) whether there is any recession in cement industry, if so, the reasons thereof and steps taken thereen ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) :

(a) The information in respect of large size cement plants is as under :—

Year	Installed Capacity (in million tonnes)	
	Public Sector	Private Sector
1990-91	9.58	49.44
1991-92	9.58	51.76
1992-93	9.58	53.72

(b) The Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices has not undertaken any cost study of the cement sector since the decontrol of cement distribution and prices in March, 1989.

(c) Cement prices vary at different places on account of the interplay of market forces, infrastructural support and transportation distances. A statement is enclosed giving average price range of price during this period for the four metropolitan centres. (See below)

(d) The actual production of cement during 1992-93 was below the target which was mainly due to general recessionary conditions and inadequate infrastructural support. Government is constantly reviewing the position so as to maximise infrastructural support such as supply of coal and provision of railway wagons. The industry has also been de-licensed.

(Rs. per 50 kg. bag)

	1990-91				1991-92				1992-93			
	April	July	October	January	April	July	October	January	April	July	October	January
Delhi	86	88	96	96	103	113	110	101	112—117	112—115	105—108	106—109
Calcutta	96	94	98	101	110	119	109	101	116—121	114—119	109—117	105—110
Bombay	89	90	90	97	98	115	99	94	117—123	101—119	113—120	96—104
Madras	84	81	83	89	95	99	95	96	110—115	113—116	113—116	113—116